

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

15 April 2009

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Director's Conference Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

**Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman John Smith
Andrew Molak, DDS Bernard Manchester
Mary Lou Buonaccorsi
Robert Bartro, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH
Christine Benoit, DMD
Maureen Ross, RDH
Joseph Box, DDS
Craig VanDongen, DDS**

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valerie Celentano, Exec.
Director, RIDA
Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel**

The Chairman, called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 18 March 2009 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. VanDongen reported that the following candidate had been issued a dental license

Dental Licenses Issued since last meeting:

Jayne Codjoe,DMD NERB 2008

Dr. VanDongen reported that the following candidate had been issued a dental anesthesia permit:

Cristina Baens-Ferrer, DMD - Nitrous Oxide Analgesia Permit

Upon motion of Dr. Box, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board approved the licensure and certification of the aforementioned individuals.

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross reported that following candidates had been issued dental hygiene licenses and or permits to administer local anesthesia:

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits

Gail R. Andrews Bristol CC 2008 NERB 2008

Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permits

Kristen A. Cusick CCRI 2008 NERB 2008

Desiree Vincent CCRI 2009 NERB 2009

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Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, the Board approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Benoit,, second by Dr. Molak the Board entered into closed session at 8:50 a.m.

Ms. Celentano recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Celentano returned to the open meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

DEN 62-08 Closed No Unprofessional Conduct.

DEN 03-09 Closed No Unprofessional Conduct.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 18 March 2009 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Box, seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 18 March 2009.

Dr. Benoit addressed the Board with regard to retired dentists being able to retain their controlled substance registrations without an active dental license. After discussion, the Administrator advised that all practitioners with prescriptive privileges are required to hold an active license in order to hold a controlled substance registration.

The Rules and Regulations Committee will meet on 21 April 2009 at 6 pm at the CCRI Lincoln Campus, Room 1602. Dr. Benoit advised that she will be unable to attend.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 13 May 2009 at a location to be determined.

Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Ross. It was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman

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